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  You know, I'm working with a very similar problem right now as well.  
As it happened. I gave up on quadrilaterals and turned to triangles (which
I should have thought of to start with).   Fortunately, my points are
associated to start with, so polygons are rather an easy task.  For
a general set of (x,y,value) data points, maybe approaching it along the
lines of:
<P>pick a point
<BR>find two nearest neighbors
<BR>poly_fill ([point(0), neighbor1(0), neighbor2(0)],[point(1), neighbor1(1),
neighbor2(1)], color=avg, value of the three)
<BR>repeat until done
<P>which is essentially what I'm doing.&nbsp; it doesn't work so well on
Map set, because of the north/south polar problem.   I've found that
if you have regular xy data, it makes your job a lot easier.
<P>Wm.
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